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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 109

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to recognize Julius M. Hovan on more than  
twenty-six years of exemplary service as  
minister at the Gallatin Church of Christ.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Julius M. Hovan is one such estimable person who has served with probity for more than twenty-six years as minister at the Gallatin Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, born on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, 1937, the tenth child of immigrant parents from Czechoslovakia, Reverend Hovan went on to pursue a career in the ministry of Christianity; and

WHEREAS, Julius Hovan is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations and lending his support to a variety of worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Julius Hovan plays an important role in the lives of the members of the Gallatin Church of Christ; since moving to Gallatin, Reverend Hovan has officiated at 216 weddings, and he has performed the services for 378 funerals; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Hovan is a member of the Gallatin Kiwanis Club, for which he served as president for over thirty years, and he was the Kiwanian of the year for 1984-1985; and

WHEREAS, he is the co-founder of the Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy Center, and he served on its board for many years; and

WHEREAS, he served as president of the Gallatin Ministerial Association several times; and

WHEREAS, he volunteered with the Sumner County Volunteer Ambulance Service for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Hovan is an active volunteer with chaplain services for SRMC; he was in charge of the barbecue fundraiser last year, and he will be again this year; and

WHEREAS, he is a Sumner Hospice Volunteer, and he served on a committee for the Board of Education whose goal was to implement character education in the schools of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Hovan enjoys the loving companionship of his wife of nearly forty-four years, Claudia, and he is a devoted parent to his four children, Michael, Carol, Joseph, and Dana, all graduates of both Gallatin High School and Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Julius Hovan exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Julius Hovan has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of his peers and the citizens of Gallatin alike; and

WHEREAS, he plans to retire in June of 2002, and his presence as minister at the Gallatin Church of Christ will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring, he will certainly devote even more of his time and energy to working in his vegetable and flower gardens; and

WHEREAS, his career in the ministry is one of great merit and should serve as an example to all those who choose such a path; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Julius M. Hovan our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.